

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of this submission. Claims 6 and 19 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Therefore, claims 6-8, 19, 20, 31-33 and 37-39 are presented for examination. The amendments made herein do not add any new subject matter, and are fully supported by the originally filed application.

In response to Examiner's suggestion in the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2006 that Applicants may amend the claims to recite that the keys are also *stored* in encrypted form on a storage medium, Applicants, in response thereto, amended the claims to recite "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer". Subsequently, in an Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the amendments "alter the scope of the claims and would require further search and consideration". Consequently, amendments and arguments are re-presented herein.

Applicants submit that Saito does not teach, disclose, or make obvious "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer". In Saito, the *encrypted* title key is not stored on a storage medium from which the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer. Instead, "the encrypted secret-keys Cks1kb1 and Cks2kb1 are distributed to the first user" (column 7, lines 1-2), where the "first user decrypts the distributed

secret-keys Cks1kb1 and Cks2kb1" (column 7, lines 3-4), and the "decrypted secret-keys are stored" (column 7, line 12).

Saito, in fact, teaches away from storing the secret-keys in this manner since "there may be the possibility of improper use of the secret-keys if the management of the secret-keys is made by the user" (column 7, lines 14-16). In Saito, therefore, the secret-keys "are automatically stored in IC card, PCMCIA card, insert board or software *which are not under the user's control*" (emphasis added, column 7, lines 17-18). Furthermore, the secret-keys that are stored are *decrypted* secret keys, not *encrypted* secret keys.

Saito, therefore, does not teach, disclose, or otherwise make obvious "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer".

In response to Examiner's suggestion (in the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2006) that Applicants may amend the claims to recite "a same storage medium" (or language of a similar nature), Applicants submit that the claim in its presently unamended form already require that the encrypted content, customer I.D., media key block, and encrypted title key be accessed from the same storage medium. This is necessarily implied by "a storage medium" being the antecedent basis for "*the* storage medium" as reproduced in the following claim:

"access from a storage medium content encrypted with a title key, the storage medium additionally storing a customer I.D. associated with a customer requesting the content, a Media Key block (MKB), and the title key that is encrypted (encrypted title key) with a customer I.D."

In other words, content encrypted with a title key is accessed from "a storage medium", where the storage medium (referring to the first instance of the storage medium) additionally stores a customer I.D., media key block, and encrypted title key. This information is all stored on the same medium.

As argued previously, Saito does not disclose that a single storage medium stores content, a customer I.D., a media key block, and encrypted title key, and further does not disclose that these are all accessed from the storage medium. Therefore, Applicants maintain that Saito does not teach, disclose, or otherwise make obvious: "accessing from a storage medium content encrypted with a title key, the storage medium additionally storing a customer I.D. associated with a customer requesting the content, a Media Key block (MKB), and the title key that is encrypted (encrypted title key) with a customer I.D."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over Saito.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are not anticipated by or made obvious by references previously cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to initiate an interview with the undersigned by calling 949-498-0601 if the Examiner believes that such an interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 to cover any necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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